Regarding the matter of pension, Government of Uttar Pradesh has informed that they are giving old age pension of Rs. 125/- p.m. to widows in Vrindavan area, including Bengali women.

In the matter of Old Age Homes, Government of Uttar Pradesh has taken on hire two buildings with a capacity to accommodate 250 widows each in Vrindavan. Certain Voluntary organisations are also running Old Age Homes for the marginalised women of Vrindavan. With regard to the suggestion made by Government of West Bengal to float a Trust, the Government had sent this suggestion to Government of Uttar Pradesh for comments/advice.

As for awareness generation, the Central Social Welfare Board (CSWB) is implementing Awareness Generation Programme through the West Bengal State Social Welfare Advisory Board in 8 districts of West Bengal from where the widows have been migrating to Uttar Pradesh. Under this Programme, 102 Awareness Generation Camps have been sanctioned in the said 8 districts.

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2824. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 4659, given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th April, 2001 and state:

(a) the names of members and the terms of reference of the Committee of Experts constituted by University Grants Commission in order to assess the deviations from the prescribed terms and conditions of approval of outside institutions/courses by Visva Bharti Shantiniketan;

(b) the report submitted by the Expert Committee; and

(c) the details of steps taken by Government to restrain AICTE from coming into conflict with Visva Bharti and other Central Universities?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Details are given in the statement (See below).

(b) The Committee appointed by the UGC has submitted its report. The process has been initiated for examining the report in the Government.

(c) A *modus vivendi* between AICTE and the Visva Bharti is in the process of being evolved, keeping the interest of students in view.

Statement

Details of the Members and the terms of reference of the committee of Experts constituted by UGS in order to assess the deviation from the prescribed terms and conditions of approval of outside institutions/courses by Visva Bharti Shantiniketan

I. ***Names of Members of the Committee***

1.	Shri T.N. Seshan Former Cabinet Secretary and Former Chief Election Commissioner of India	Chairman
2.	Dr. Kireet Joshi Chairman Indian Council of Philosophical Research	Member
3.	Prof. H.P. Dikshit Vice Chancellor, Indira Gandhi National Open University	Member
4.	Prof. M.S. Valiathan Honorary Adviser Manipal Academy of Higher Education Manipal	Member
5.	Prof. R.C. Mehrotra Former Vice Chancellor Jaipur	Member
6.	Dr. C.P. Srivastava Joint Secretary, UGC	Secretary

II. ***Terms of reference of the Committee***

(i) to suggest remedial measures to rejuvenate Visva Bharati in line with the vision and dreams of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore;

(ii) to ascertain the facts about complaints received from very distinguished persons of West Bengal.

(iii) to examine the issues relating to the approval of different institutions for awarding Visva Bharati degrees.